

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Attached as an appendix is a Version of Replacement Paragraphs with Markings to Show Changes Made.

Please replace paragraph number 0041, at page 18, lines 8-22 with the following paragraph:

[0041] Tail cap 22 also preferably includes a region of external threads 32 for engaging matching threads formed on the interior of the barrel 21. However, other suitable means may also be employed for attaching tail cap 22 to barrel 21. A sealing element 33 may be provided at the interface between the tail cap 22 and the barrel 21 to provide a watertight seal. As best seen in FIGS. 3 and 5, sealing element 33 is preferably a one-way valve 62 in the form of a lip seal. However, as those skilled in the art will appreciate, it may also comprise an O-ring. One way valve 62 is retained in a circumferential channel 44 formed in tail cap 22. One-way valve 62 is oriented so as to prevent flow from outside into the interior of the flashlight 20, while simultaneously allowing overpressure within the flashlight to escape or vent to the atmosphere.

Please replace paragraph number 0050, at page 21, line 13 to page 22, line 3 with the following paragraph:

[0050] Referring to FIGS. 3, 4, and 6-10, lower insulator receptacle 41 includes a sidewall 43 that defines a right circular cylinder. The diameter of the cylindrical wall defined by the sidewall 43 is dimensioned so that the lower insulator 41 may slide up and down against the inner surface 30 of barrel 21 without binding. At the same time, the diameter of the lower insulator is sufficient to prevent side-to-side movement of the lower insulator within the barrel. In addition, the lower insulator is preferably of sufficient length to prevent it from tilting with respect to the barrel. As a

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comp. result of the foregoing arrangement, lower insulator 41 and barrel 21 will remain coaxial with respect to one another.

Please replace paragraph number 0054, at page 23, line 18 to page 24, line 5 with the following paragraph:

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[0054] First conductor 39 includes a first contact 55 that is disposed in a slot 47 provided in a support pedestal 50 formed in the central region of recess 45. Slot 47 extends in an axial direction and is in communication with hole 49 provided in the forward surface of the insulator receptacle 41. As a result, a first terminal electrode 57 of a lamp bulb 59, for example a bi-pin lamp bulb, may extend through hole 49 into slot 47. Contact 55 is adapted to frictionally receive and retain electrode 57 of the lamp bulb 59.

Please replace paragraph number 0065, at page 29, lines 3-10 with the following paragraph:

On page 29, lines 3-10:

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[0065] In the present embodiment, contact 83 is attached to central body portion 89 at the midpoint of the chord that defines the hole 91. A protrusion 93 may be provided opposite contact 83 along the arc that defines the hole 91. If protrusion 93 is included on conductor 42, it is preferably configured to be received by a mating hole 86, and thus may be used to further help properly orient conductor 42 relative to insulator 41.

Please replace paragraph number 0083, at page 37, line 3 to page 38 line 22 with the following paragraph:

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[0083] To align the center of filament 60 with the predetermined axis 141, lamp bulb 59, for example a bi-pin lamp bulb, is initially inserted into base 125 so that electrodes 57, 58 extend

through holes 139 and the glass bead portion 131 of the lamp bulb is adjacent the base end 133 of the base. Lamp bulb 59 is then laterally adjusted or displaced with respect to base 125 to bring the center of filament 60 into alignment with the predetermined axis 141. In the present embodiment, the play between the inner walls of holes 139 and electrodes 57, 58 permits limited side-to-side movement in all lateral directions. The lateral adjustment may be carried out manually or by an automated means. Further, an optical bench or other suitable means known in the optics art may be used to determine when filament 60 is properly aligned with the predetermined axis 141. Preferably the filament is aligned so that its center is displaced 0.003 inches or less from the predetermined axis 141, and more preferably 0.001 inches or less from the predetermined axis. Lamp bulb 59 is preferably powered during the alignment process to facilitate identification of the center of the filament and its alignment with axis 141. If lamp bulb 59 is powered during the alignment process, the optical equipment employed in the optical bench is preferably adapted, as will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, to detect the hottest or brightest portion of filament 60, and hence its center. once the filament is properly aligned with axis 141, lamp bulb 59 may be secured or attached to base 125 using an adhesive or other suitable means to preserve the alignment of the center of the filament 60. Although a variety of adhesives may be used, a fast, UV curing adhesive is preferred so that once filament 60 is aligned with predetermined axis 141, the adhesive may be rapidly cured by exposing it to a UV light source. The adhesive may be applied to the base or opposing surface of glass bead 131 prior to insertion of the electrodes into base 125. Alternatively, the adhesive may be applied subsequent to the insertion of electrodes 57, 58 into base 125. If the adhesive is applied prior to insertion of lamp bulb 59 into base 125, however, obviously it should have a sufficient set time to permit the center of the filament 60 to be aligned with the predetermined axis before setting.